
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii State
2 Planning Act was enacted in 1978 to improve the planning process
3 and guide future development of the State. The Hawaii State
4 Planning Act sets forth the Hawaii state plan, which articulates
5 goals and policies to guide the development of the State and
6 establishes an integrated planning and implementation system
7 regarding those goals and policies. The last review of the
8 Hawaii State Planning Act was initiated in 1983 and completed in
9 1985 and resulted in several amendments to the Hawaii State
10 Planning Act. Since then, there have been significant changes
11 in Hawaii's economic, physical, and social conditions;
12 technology; and the global marketplace. The State also faces
13 new constraints and opportunities as it plans for the future.
14 Thus, the legislature finds that a comprehensive review of the
15 Hawaii State Planning Act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
16 is now warranted.



1 The purpose and intent of this Act is to require the office
2 of planning to, among other things, review the Hawaii State
3 Planning Act and report to the legislature its recommendations
4 for updating the Hawaii State Planning Act to appropriately
5 address the needs of the State.

6 SECTION 2. The office of planning shall review the Hawaii
7 state plan as set forth in the Hawaii State Planning Act for the
8 purpose of recommending amendments to update the plan in
9 response to current state needs. Specifically, the office of
10 planning shall:

11 (1) Review and analyze:

12 (A) The formation, evolution, and implementation of
13 the Hawaii State Planning Act;

14 (B) State capital improvement projects as they relate
15 to the Hawaii State Planning Act; and

16 (C) Major plans, programs, projects, and regulatory
17 activities proposed by state and county agencies
18 as they relate to the Hawaii State Planning Act;



- 1 (2) Identify and analyze:
 - 2 (A) Conflicts between the Hawaii State Planning Act,
 - 3 county plans, functional plans, and state
 - 4 programs; and
 - 5 (B) Existing and emerging issues, problems, and
 - 6 opportunities confronting the State as they
 - 7 relate to the Hawaii State Planning Act;
- 8 (3) Solicit, review, and analyze proposals for amendments
- 9 to the Hawaii State Planning Act from the general
- 10 public;
- 11 (4) As appropriate, provide reports, recommendations,
- 12 strategies, and alternative courses of action to the
- 13 governor regarding the Hawaii State Planning Act; and
- 14 (5) Report its findings and recommendations, including any
- 15 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
- 16 thirty days prior to the convening of the regular
- 17 session of 2021.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
21 reviewing, analyzing, and recommending updates to the Hawaii



1 State Planning Act, including the hiring of full-time
2 equivalent (FTE) temporary planner V position in the
3 special plans branch of the office of planning to assist in
4 reviewing, analyzing, and recommending updates to the Hawaii
5 State Planning Act.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
7 planning for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Planning Act; Office of Planning; Report;
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Description:

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the state planning act. Appropriates moneys. (HD1)

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